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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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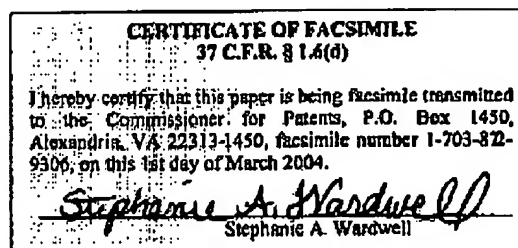
For: POLYMER HEART VALVE WITH
PERFORATED STENT AND SEWING
CUFF

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Urmi Chattopadhyay

Attorney Docket: 2009.015800/SAW

(CMI-425)



RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is April 12, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2009.015800SAW.

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance, be entered.